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Lutz G. GUERTLER et al.)	Prior Group Art Unit: 1648
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For: RETROVIRUS FROM THE HIV)	
GROUP AND ITS USE)	

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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. The listed documents were either submitted by Applicants or cited by the Office in the following prior applications: Application No. 09/886,150; Application No. 09/109,916; Application No. 08/471,770; Application No. 08/468,059; and Application No. 08/132,653, upon all of which Applicants rely for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. Accordingly, Applicants request that the Office use the copies of the references found in those files.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached Form PTO-1449.


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